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Karl Dreher to Leave Department of Water Resources

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The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Karl J. Dreher, announced today that the transition team for Governor-Elect C. L. "Butch" Otter notified him this afternoon that Governor-Elect Otter has decided not to re-appoint Dreher as the Director of the Department of Water Resources.

Dreher, who has served as the Director since first appointed by Governor Phil Batt in 1995, had expressed an interest in continuing in that position in Governor-Elect Otter's administration.

"I very much appreciate having the opportunity to serve in a significant role and move Idaho's challenging water resource issues towards resolution," Dreher said. "The employees at the Department of Water Resources are among the best in the state. I wish them and my successor continued success."

Dreher will work through the end of this month and has no immediate plans thereafter.

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